CIVIL AVIATION continues to be the largest single segment of the industry. Increasing orders and deliveries throughout the world led to sales growth of 8% to EUR 29.2 billion. More than 76,500 people are working in this segment.

The MILITARY AVIATION segment recorded an increase in sales of 4%. Sales rose to EUR 7.8 billion. The number of employees increased slightly to 24,000 employees.

In the SPACE segment, sales increased by 3% compared to the previous year to EUR 3 billion, and the number of employees increased by 3% to 9,000 employees.

The SHARE OF EXPORTS as a percentage of total industry sales rose from 72% to 74%.

The industry’s expenditures on RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT remain at a very high level. They comprise a volume of EUR 4 billion, which corresponds to 10% of industry sales.

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In view of growing competition from all over the world it is necessary to keep German companies competitive in a world of innovation and thus ensure future-proofness for the industry. The industry needs to be strong in order to be competitive for the future.

The German Aerospace Industries Association (Bundesverband der Deutschen Luft- und Raumfahrtindustrie e.V. – BDLI), with about 240 members, represents the interests of an industrial sector which has become a significant driver of economic growth in Germany due to its international technological assets and worldwide success. The German aerospace industry directly employs around 109,500 staff members at approximately 250 locations around the world.

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for a competitive and future-proof aerospace location
The technology strategy of the German aerospace industry is the key to maintaining our competitiveness. It is the key to achieving mission-critical tasks in the future. Developing cutting-edge technologies is the key to making industrial progress. The challenges lie in the networking of different technologies, which is essential for success. The key technologies that we can rely on are autonomous systems, hybrid/electric aircraft, the aerospace industry as a whole, and the reliable aviation research of the German Aerospace Center (DLR) and the European Space Agency (ESA).

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